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Filed: March 24, 2000  
For: **METHODS AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING PROCESSING STAGES APPLIED TO A SIGNAL**

**Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment**

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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Response is responsive to the Office Action  
mailed on February 12, 2004.

REMARKS

Summary

Claims 1-23 are pending.

The Examiner has objected to the Information  
Disclosure Statement (IDS) filed on July 13, 2001 as the  
copies of the reference were not present in the application  
file. Applicants submitted copies of the references with  
the January 8, 2001 IDS, which were apparently lost at the  
Patent Office. Applicants note that the U.S. patent